

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, and 14-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 10 have been currently amended.

Claims 1 and 10 each recite a limitation of “wherein the architecture administrator only controls launch of the first program object and the second program object” (emphasis added). In other words, according to Claims 1 and 10, after launch of the first program object and the second program object, the architecture administrator has no further involvement in a transaction between the first program object and the second program object. This limitation clearly distinguishes “the architecture administrator” claimed in Claims 1 and 10 over the ORB (object request broker) disclosed in Nessett et al. (“Nessett”, U.S. Patent Number 5,727,145) and/or the ORB taught by the admitted Prior Art (APA) disclosed in the Application background. Furthermore, this limitation is advantageous “since to do otherwise introduces a ‘single-point-of-failure’ in the system” (Application, Page 11, Lines 11-14).

Thus, Applicant believes that Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, and 14-18 are not taught, disclosed, or suggested by Nessett et al. (“Nessett”, U.S. Patent Number 5,727,145) or the admitted Prior Art (APA) disclosed in the Application background.

Floppy Disk

Per the Patent Office’s request, Applicant has enclosed a floppy disk containing all pending claims along with Applicant’s responsive remarks. Applicant understands that only the paper copy will be entered.

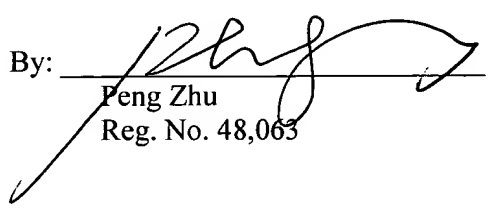
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

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